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SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
OFFICIALS WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE MAJOR
DECLINE IN SEASONALLY NON-ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT BY
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OVER 50,000 DURING SEPTEMBER, THUS BRINGING THE UNEM-
PLOYMENT RATE DOWN FROM 4.3 PERCENT TO 4 PERCENT.
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES ALSO SHOWED A DECLINE
OF 4,000 DURING THE MONTH. UNEMPLOYMENT ALSO PLAYED A
MAJOR ROLE AT UNION CONVENTIONS (REF B AND C), WITH
UNION DELEGATES URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MORE
EFFECTIVE AND DETERMINED MEASURES TO COMBAT UNEMPLOY-

MENT. END SUMMARY.

1. AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PICTURE
FOLLOWS (ALL TOTALS IN THOUSANDS, ALL RATES IN PERCENTAGES):

UNEMPLOYMENT		COMPARISONS			
SEPTEMBER 77		AUGUST 77		SEPT. 76	
TOTAL	RATE	TOTAL	RATE	TOTAL	RATE
TABLE (CONT'D)					
SEAS.ADJ.	1.046	1.050		1.034	
NON-SEAS.	911.2	4.0	963.5	4.3	898.7 3.9
ADJ.					
MEN	424.2	3.0	453.3	3.2	436.3 3.0
WOMEN	487.0	5.7	510.2	6.0	462.4 5.5
REG.JOB	236.6		254.5		233.1
OPENINGS					
PART TIME	157.8		94.7		93.5
WORKERS					
FOREIGN	80.2	4.1	76.7	3.9	79.3 3.8
WORKERS					
YOUTH	98.4	4.6	101.6	4.8	96.0 4.3
(UNDER 20)					

2. PRESIDENT STINGL OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
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STATED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN MORE FAVORABLE THAN EXPECTED, BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WARNED THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT "TREND HAS NOT YET BEEN REVERSED." THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED JOB OPENINGS WERE HIGHER THAN ONE YEAR EARLIER, BUT FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH UNEMPLOYMENT (NON-ADJUSTED) WAS HIGHER THAN THE YEAR BEFORE. ALTHOUGH UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINED BOTH FOR MALES AND FEMALES, THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED WOMEN (487,000) CONTINUED TO EXCEED THAT OF MEN (424,000).

3. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES DECLINED FROM 1,050,000 IN AUGUST TO 1,046,000 IN SEPTEMBER, BUT THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE MADE A DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF THE JULY AND AUGUST FIGURES. THE SEPTEMBER FIGURE WAS 12,000 HIGHER THAN ONE YEAR EARLIER.

4. GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINE WAS LARGEST IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA (MINUS 7.0 PERCENT) AND HESSE (MINUS 6.7 PERCENT). AS IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, THE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WERE REGISTERED IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG (2.6 PERCENT), SOUTH BAVARIA (3.3 PERCENT) AND HESSE (3.5 PERCENT). THE HIGHEST RATE

AGAIN WAS IN LOWER SAXONY-BREMEN (4.9 PERCENT), FOLLOWED
BY RHINELAND-PALATINATE-SAARLAND (4.7 PERCENT), AND
NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA (4.6 PERCENT).

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5. WHILE GOVERNMENT AND SPD/FDP COALITION PARTY
OFFICIALS ACCEPTED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SEPTEMBER
FIGURES WITH AN ALMOST AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF, THE
CDU/CSU OPPOSITION POINTED OUT THAT THE DECLINE IN NO
WAY INDICATED A TURN-AROUND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROB-
LEM.THEY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER OF PART-TIME WORKERS.

6. RECENT UNION CONVENTIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT

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UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS A MAJOR CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR UNION MEMBERS (REF B-C), WITH NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE MORE EFFICIENT MEASURES TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY CALL FOR SUCH MEASURES AS MORE DEFICIT SPENDING, EXPANSION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES, GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF INVESTMENTS AND SUBSIDIES, AND NATIONALIZATION OF KEY INDUSTRIES. THE DGB CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION, FOLLOWING A MORE PRAGMATIC POLICY, INITIATED ITS OWN CONTRIBUTION TO SOLVING THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM OF YOUTHS. AN OVERALL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH THE NATIONAL CHEMICAL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION STIPULATES THE DETAILS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTHS BELOW AGE 18 WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED COMPULSORY EDUCATION (9 YEARS). THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUCH YOUTHS BY CHEMICAL FIRMS TO RECEIVE A BASIC ONE YEAR VOCATIONAL COURSE WHICH WILL PREPARE THEM FOR A SEMI-SKILLED JOB OR FOR A FOLLOW-UP REGULAR (3-YEAR) VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THAT PARTICULAR ENTERPRISE. STOESEL

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